

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh" - Luke 21:28

MEN WILL CRY 'PEACE, PEACE'

U.S. official: We want full peace deal in 1 year

YnetNews.com reports: "A partial peace deal between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, even if achieved within a year, will not satisfy Washington, a U.S. official said.

The American official told reporters in Jerusalem that the upcoming peace summit in Washington aims to strike a full peace agreement between the parties. The official rejected the possibility of 'only' a partial or interim peace deal within the time frame set for the peace talks.

While the difficulties both parties face are clear, Washington believes that both leaders are ready to confront the difficulties in order to reach peace, he said, adding that the U.S. intends to take an active role in the negotiations.

The American official stressed that Washington's stance on the settlement freeze has not changed, saying that the negotiations must be held in a positive atmosphere.

The U.S., he added, is currently speaking with both sides in an attempt to explore ways conducive to the talks' success..." **(If this peace deal is contracted, it will only last for 42 months if it's the Biblical**

plan according to Daniel 9:27; Jeremiah 6:14, 8:11; I Thessalonians 5:3. Then it's broken as Russia moves against Israel — Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 11, and 16. Then after another 42 months Christ appears to stop the blitzkrieg — Revelation 11:18 to set up His kingdom of peace for 1,000 years — Isaiah 2:4 and Micah 4:3. See also the next four reports.)

Obama to Netanyahu, Abbas: Don't let the chance for peace slip away

Haaretz reports: "U.S. President Barack Obama urged Israeli and Palestinian leaders not to let the chance for peace slip away as he opened a U.S.-sponsored summit to relaunch direct talks shadowed by Middle East violence.

But in the wake of a second West Bank shooting attack against Israelis in as many days and a persistent deadlock over settlements, Obama acknowledged skepticism 'in some quarters' about his prospects for succeeding where so many U.S. leaders have failed and said he was under no illusions about the challenges ahead.

Wading into hands-on peacemaking on the eve of restarting face-to-face

negotiations after a 20-month hiatus, Obama brought both sides together for ceremonial handshakes at the White House and a commitment to try to forge within a year a deal on Palestinian statehood.

'As I told each of them today, this moment of opportunity may not soon come again. They cannot afford to let it slip away,' Obama said after one-on-one talks with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Speaking ahead of a working dinner at the White House, Netanyahu said that he had come to the Washington peace summit 'to figure out a historic compromise' with the Palestinians.

The dinner included Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Jordanian King Abdullah II, the Quartet's envoy to the Middle East Tony Blair, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Netanyahu..." **(If Obama becomes the leader of the New World Order as Dr. Henry Kissinger proposes and promotes, the last chance for peace will fail because it's a covenant of death and hell — Isaiah 28:15, and predicted to fail — Jeremiah 6:14 and 8:11.)**

BUT THERE IS NO PEACE

Netanyahu tells Israeli public: No guarantee peace talks will succeed

Haaretz reports: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the nation in a New Year's greeting that there was no

guarantee negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians would succeed, but vowed to aim for a peace agreement by the end of the year.

'This year, after many efforts, direct talks with the Palestinians have begun,' the prime minister said, in a video circulated by his bureau ahead of the Jewish New Year,

Rosh Hashanah. 'This is an important step in our attempt to advance a peace agreement between us and them.'

'I say this is an attempt, because it is not certain that it will succeed. Certainly there are many obstacles, many skeptics and many reasons to doubt, but we must try to

reach peace,' he said.

'We are trying in good faith, but not naivety, to reach a peace agreement. Any arrangement between us and the Palestinians will be based on two criteria: security and recognition of Israel as a Jewish state,' Netanyahu added.

'Security, because no peace will last without a strong anchor of actual security on the ground, not on paper and not as a hazy international commitment,' he said. 'The second thing is the recognition that Israel is the national state of the Jewish people.'

'If we are asked to recognize a Palestinian state, it is both natural and appropriate that the Palestinians recognize the state of the Israeli people as a Jewish state.'...'' **(Peace for the Middle East is bound to fail as it is a contract predicted to destroy millions because of its deceitful plans — Daniel 8:25.)**

Lieberman: This generation will not see Middle East peace

Haaretz reports: "A peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians will not be achieved in the foreseeable future, Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said.

Speaking at a conference of his ultra-nationalist Yisrael Beiteinu party, Lieberman said a complete peace agreement that included an end of the conflict and Palestinian recognition of Israel as a Jewish state was unattainable, even with significant concessions and territorial compromise.

Peace was impossible, 'not next year and not for the next generation', Lieberman said.

His comments came as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas prepared for a second face-to-face meeting, after kicking off new U.S.-sponsored peace talks in Washington..."

Jordanian king: World will 'pay price' if direct Mideast talks fail

Haaretz reports: "Jordanian King Abdullah II warned that the entire world 'will pay the price' if the recently renewed direct talks between the Palestinians and Israelis fail.

A royal court statement said he made the remarks during a meeting with the chief editors of local newspapers, whom he briefed on his talks in Washington with United States President Barack Obama, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu,

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Egyptian President Hosny Mubarak.

'The king cautioned that the failure of the negotiations will reflect negatively on all parties and that all states of the world and the region will pay the price, because the alternative will be more wars and conflicts,' the statement said.

The monarch also said that the direct talks, which were relaunched in Washington, 'provide an opportunity for resolving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict if the parties deal with the negotiations in a positive manner, so that all final status issues are addressed within the two-state vision.'

Abdullah considers the establishment of an independent Palestinian state 'a strategic interest' for Jordan, which he said would continue to provide 'backing for the Palestinian brethren in their quest to accomplish freedom and statehood'...' **(How true this headline is. There will be three invasions of Israel during the Armageddon campaign: 1) Russia — Ezekiel 38, 39. 2) China — Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14-18. 3) Finally all nations — Zechariah 14:2. Then Christ appears to stop the "Battle of battles" as described by the Old Testament prophets — Zechariah 14:4, 12, and 16.)**

World must prepare for Iran military option: Blair

SpaceDaily.com reports: "Former British premier Tony Blair warned in an interview that the international community may have 'no alternative' to taking military action against Iran if it develops a nuclear weapon.

'I am saying that I think it is wholly unacceptable for Iran to have a nuclear weapons capability and I think we have got to be prepared to confront them, if necessary militarily,' he said in extracts pre-released by the *BBC* from an interview to publicize his memoirs.

'I think there is no alternative to that if they continue to develop nuclear weapons. They need to get that message loud and clear.'

Blair expanded on the point in his book... saying that while a nuclear-armed Iran would pose a threat to the West, the real danger would come with its ability to boost Islamic extremism.

'Let us be frank: Iran is a far more immediate threat to its Arab neighbors than it is to America or Britain, he wrote in the memoir, which recounts his experiences during his decade as prime minister from

1997 to 2007.

'That's why Iran matters. Iran with a nuclear bomb would mean others in the region acquiring the same capability; it would dramatically alter the balance of power in the region, but also within Islam.'...' **(Iran's goal of the elimination of Israel according to Psalm 83:4 and the attempt to destroy America which Iran's President calls "The Great Satan" must be stopped and soon. Before this madman has numerous nuclear weapons and missiles to hit much of the globe — Revelation 12:7.)**

Gulf States Nudging for Attack on Iran

Israel National News reports: "First it was the United Arab Emirates ambassador in Washington, now it's a Saudi Arabian editorial, and John Bolton says the entire Persian Gulf feels the same: an attack on Iran is the only option — if it's not too late.

An editorial in an official Saudi Arabian newspaper indicates that a military attack against Iran might be the only way of stopping it from obtaining nuclear weapons. "Tehran is moving its conflict with the international community into high gear," the *Al Madina* daily wrote, "and [in this case] some may consider the military option to be the best solution."

Delaying recourse to this option, the paper continues, "may lead to a point where it is impossible to implement it — if Tehran manages to produce a nuclear bomb of its own."

Former Ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton goes a bit further, saying it is the only way of stopping it but adds that it might already be too late.

Just last month, the United Arab Emirates ambassador to Washington said at a conference, "A military attack on Iran by whomever would be a disaster, but Iran with a nuclear weapon would be a bigger disaster."

Ambassador Yousef al-Otaiba was unusually candid in his remarks, saying, "I think it's a cost-benefit analysis. I think despite the large amount of trade we do with Iran, which is close to \$12 billion there will be consequences, there will be a backlash and there will be problems with people protesting and rioting and very unhappy that there is an outside force attacking a Muslim country; that is going to happen no matter what. Am I willing to live with that, versus living with a nuclear

Iran? My answer is still the same: 'We cannot live with a nuclear Iran.' I am willing to absorb what takes place at the expense of the security of the U.A.E.'

Former Ambassador Bolton feels that

many states in the Persian Gulf region feel the same. He told Army Radio, however, that it might very well be too late to attack Iran because of the radioactivity that will emanate from the bombed reactor,

harming the civilian population'...' (**Even the Sunni Muslims of the Gulf States don't trust this Shia madman and have asked for America's help in stopping this Islamic terrorist heading up Iran.**)

IRANIAN SABER RATTLING

Iran: If attacked our response will be wide-ranging and unpredictable

Haaretz reports: "Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi warned that his country would show a wide-range of reactions in face of a possible attack, adding that the extent would be unpredictable, the Iranian news agency *ISNA* reported.

'We will show a very wide-range reaction in case of any military strike which would come due to foolishness and ignorance, our reaction cannot be predicted by the enemy,' he said during an unveiling ceremony of two domestic boats.

During the unveiling, Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps inaugurated production lines for two high-speed vessels, the latest in a series of recent additions to the country's arsenal.

The Seraj and Zolfaqr vessels are to be armed with missiles and torpedoes, state media reported..." (**This headline is not an empty boast. See the next three reports.**)

IRGC Commander: Iran's Speed Vessels "Fastest in World"

The Fars News Agency reports: "Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Navy Rear Admiral Ali Fadavi said that speed boats, specially the newly mass-produced missile-launching vessels, have granted high mobility and power to the IRGC Navy and made it a unique force in the world.

'As regards high-speed missile-launching vessels, no country in the world enjoys such a power (that Iran has),' Fadavi said, addressing a ceremony held to mark inauguration of the production lines of two types of new speed vessels.

'We emphasize that we have gained a unique power in this field of naval defense,' Fadavi went on saying.

Admiral Fadavi further compared the high speed of the Iranian vessels and the

IRGC Navy's high mobility with the U.S. Navy, and said, 'U.S. warships currently have a maximum speed of 31 knots while the Iranian vessels can traverse twice as fast on average.'

The commander further stressed his forces' capability to repel possible attacks on the country, and stated, 'Given the unimaginable growth in Iran's defensive power, we can defend our country's borders and interests in the best possible way.'..."

IRGC Warns U.S., Israel about Iran's Crushing Response to Possible Aggression

The Fars News Agency reports: "The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) underlined that the forces are fully prepared to repel any U.S., Israel's military action against the country.

In a statement the IRGC announced that it is well-prepared to confront any possible U.S. and Zionist regime (Israel) military adventurism by targeting the enemies' interests anywhere.

The IRGC said that U.S. and the Zionist regime are on sliding position and are unable to strike a blow to the Iranian nation.

'Iranian nation have proved in the past 30 years that economic pressure, military threats, psycho-war, political disorders and domestic crises are not effective and they will proceed with national aspiration to bolster independence,' the statement added.

The statement came a day after Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei warned the U.S. against the grave consequences of any military aggression against Iran, stressing that Tehran's response to such an attack will not be limited to Washington's interests in the region..."

Iran unveils first bomber drone

BBC News reports: "Iran has unveiled what it says is its first domestically built unmanned — or drone — bomber.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said the plane could serve as a 'messenger of death', but that its key message was one of friendship.

Iranian state TV later showed the 'Karrar' aircraft in flight.

It said it had a range of 1,000km (620 miles) and could carry two 250 pound (115kg) bombs, or a precision bomb of 500 pounds.

The plane is the latest in a series of new pieces of military hardware unveiled by Iran.

'This jet is a messenger of honour and human generosity and a saviour of mankind, before being a messenger of death for enemies of mankind,' President Ahmadinejad said after unveiling the Karrar at a ceremony with defence officials.

'The key message is friendship,' he added. 'We must make efforts to render all the enemy's weapons useless with our defence potential.'..."

Iran to strike Israel nuclear site if attacked

Reuters reports: "Iran would retaliate by striking Israel's nuclear facility if Israel attacked its nuclear activities, armed forces chief of staff Hassan Firouzabadi said.

'Our developed weapons can hit any part of the Zionist regime (Israel) ... We hope not to be forced to attack their nuclear facility,' Firouzabadi told the semi-official *Mehr* news agency.

Iran does not recognize Israel, which it calls the 'Zionist regime.' Israel regards Iran's nuclear program as a threat to its existence.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in a live broadcast at Tehran University marking the annual Al-Quds (Jerusalem) Day, told Israel to leave Iran alone.

'I want to say that not only the Zionists, but even their masters are smaller than to lay a finger on the Iranian nation and its rights,' he said..." (**Ahmadinejad has informed the world his Mahdi, the Shia messiah will not appear until he has wiped the Jew off the**

map. He's on a mission that will fail because Yahweh God says in Isaiah 56:5: "I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name.")

Ahmadinejad: Israel is too weak to attack Iran's nuclear facilities

Haaretz reports: "Israel is too weak to attack Iran's nuclear facilities, the French AFP news agency quoted Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as telling the *Al-Jazeera* network, adding that Iran would act decisively against anyone who dared attempt a military strike against it.

Ahmadinejad's comments came a day after Iranian and Russian engineers began the weeklong operation of loading uranium fuel into the Bushehr nuclear power plant, a major milestone as Tehran forges ahead with its atomic program, despite UN sanctions.

Speaking to the Qatari-based satellite network in an interview translated from Farsi, Ahmadinejad reiterated the warning against a strike on Iran's nuclear facilities, saying he rejected the 'possibility of an

attack by Israel.'

'Israel is too weak to face up to Iran militarily,' the Iranian president said, adding that Jerusalem did not have 'the courage to do it... and I do not think its threat is serious.'

Referring to the possibility of a U.S.-led strike on Iran's nuclear facilities, Ahmadinejad claimed 'America is not interested in sparking a military confrontation,' but vowed 'decisive response' if Washington indeed went ahead with its threats of military action... (Don't count on your boasting Ahmadinejad. Israel has one of the largest assembly of nuclear weapons ever — enough to destroy the Islamic nations globally.)

Senior Cleric: Collapse of U.S., Zionist Regime Imminent

The Fars News Agency reports: "Israel's recent mistakes in attacking Lebanon showed that the collapse of the Zionist regime and its main ally, the U.S., is imminent, a senior Iranian cleric said.

Israel and its main supporter, the U.S., are speeding toward their decline, while Islamic countries such as Iran and Turkey are rising, Secretary of Iran's Guardian Council Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati said.

In a meeting with Turkish Ambassador to Tehran Umit Yardim, he urged Muslim countries 'to unite, set aside their differences, use their vast potentials and not fear threats made by the U.S. and its allies.'

'After suffering successive defeats over the past years from Lebanon's Hezbollah and Hamas, the Zionist regime (Israel) is seeking to take revenge on the resistance in Lebanon and Palestine,' Ayatollah Jannati said.

Ayatollah Jannati said the recent border clashes between Israeli and Lebanese soldiers were a move on the part of Tel Aviv to assess their readiness for a confrontation.

'Despite such efforts, Hezbollah, the Lebanese government and people are united [when it comes to] resisting any assault by Israel... (Such boasting is ridiculous, absurd, and nonsensical.)

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

'Jerusalem cannot be the capital of state called Israel'

The Jerusalem Post reports: "The current round of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks will not succeed, Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah said during a 'Jerusalem Day' commemoration speech.

Nasrallah characterized the talks as 'stillborn' and said, 'Jerusalem, and not even one of its streets, cannot be the capital of the state called Israel.'

The Hezbollah chief's comments came hours after explosions ripped through a building in southern Lebanon that might — according to Lebanese security officials — have been used to store weapons for the terrorists group.

It was not clear whether there were any casualties from the blasts, which set off a large fire, the officials said. Rescue crews responded to the scene... (This headline goes against God's 930 promises in His Holy book, the Bible, that Jerusalem belongs to his Chosen People, the Jews and

that their Messiah, the Christian Lord Jesus will rule from Jerusalem — Luke 1:32, 33; Matthew 5:35.)

Iran May Take Over Persian Gulf

Israel National News reports: "Dr. Mordechai Kedar, an expert on Arab politics and Islamic Fundamentalism at the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies warns that Iran may be planning a full takeover of Persian Gulf states. He is also concerned that Hezbollah terrorists in Lebanon may try to build a nuclear reactor similar to Iran's Bushehr reactor, and obtain atomic weapons that could be used against Israel.

In a blog post which appeared on *News1*, Dr. Kedar says that there are several reasons that pressure is building between Iran and the Arab states in the Persian Gulf:

Firstly, Arab states in the Gulf believe that Iran's saber-rattling and aggressive statements towards Israel are actually a decoy, aimed at shifting the focus from its real purpose, a full takeover of the oil and

gas-rich Persian Gulf...

Secondly, Arab states assess that Israel and Iran will not attack each other, since each side is fearful of the outcome of such attack and its necessary counter-attack. Iran, says Kedar, knows that Israel has 200-300 nuclear warheads, which could wipe out all of its major cities. On the other hand, Israel, says Kedar, is concerned about the Iranian arsenal of long-range missiles in Hezbollah's possession, which are far more accurate than those the Hezbollah used in the 2006 attack against its southern neighbor.

Thirdly, in recent years, tens of thousands of Iranian citizens have immigrated to other Arab states in the Gulf. Kedar says that Arab leaders fear that many of these ex-Iranians are actually sleeper cells, who, when activated, could supply Iran with the necessary intelligence information to successfully stage an attack on Arab Gulf states...

Finally, Kedar warned that the next dangerous threat against Israel could be a Hezbollah attempt to imitate Iran's nuclear

ambitions, by building a nuclear reactor in Lebanon, similar to Iran's Bushehr reactor..." (This report is why Saudi Arabia and the Gulf nations are pleading with America to stand with them against Iran.)

Jordan and Syria call for Israeli withdrawal from all Arab lands

Haaretz reports: "Jordanian King Abdullah II and Syrian President Bashar Assad stressed the need for Israel to pull out from all Arab territories it occupied in the 1967 war, if peace with the Palestinians is to be achieved.

Abdullah made a whirlwind visit to Damascus to brief the Syrian leader on the outcome of his talks in Washington with United States President Barack Obama, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a royal court statement said.

The monarch had attended the six-way meeting on the eve of direct talks between Israel and the Palestinians being relaunched.

Abdullah and Assad 'emphasized that resolving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict on the basis of the two-state vision requires the regaining of all Arab rights in accordance with ... the Arab peace initiative,' the statement said.

The Arab peace initiative offered Israel recognition by all Arab states if it pulled out from all Arab territories it occupied in the 1967 Six-Day War, including East Jerusalem..." (This is an impossible request as Jerusalem belongs to God's Chosen People, the Jews, as promised by

Yahweh 930 times in God's Holy Book.)

U.S. Assures Israel That Iran Threat Is Not Imminent

The New York Times reports: "The Obama administration, citing evidence of continued troubles inside Iran's nuclear program, has persuaded Israel that it would take roughly a year — and perhaps longer — for Iran to complete what one senior official called a 'dash' for a nuclear weapon, according to American officials.

Administration officials said they believe the assessment has dimmed the prospect that Israel would preemptively strike against the country's nuclear facilities within the next year, as Israeli officials have suggested in thinly veiled threats.

For years, Israeli and American officials have debated whether Iran is on an inexorable drive toward a nuclear bomb and, if so, how long it would take to produce one. A critical question has been the time it would take Tehran to convert existing stocks of low-enriched uranium into weapons-grade material, a process commonly known as 'breakout.'

Israeli intelligence officials had argued that Iran could complete such a race for the bomb in months, while American intelligence agencies have come to believe in the past year that the time line is longer..." (This headline is questionable since Iran's president awaits the Shia messiah who only arrives after Israel's destruction by the Shia leader, Ahmadinejad.)

PA hits back at Ahmadinejad: You have no right to speak about Palestine

Haaretz reports: "A Palestinian Authority spokesman lashed out at the president of Iran for criticizing Palestinian negotiations with Israel and PA President Mahmoud Abbas in particular, Ma'an News Agency reported.

'The one who does not represent the Iranian people, who falsified election results, who oppressed the Iranian people and stole authority has no right to speak about Palestine, its president or its representatives,' Abbas spokesman Nabil Abu Rudaineh said about Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Ahadinejad addressed a rally at Teheran University, where he dismissed the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, saying the fate of Palestine would be decided in Palestine and through resistance and not in Washington.

The Ma'an News Agency reported that he also said Mahmoud Abbas was a hostage of Israel who lacked the legitimacy to negotiate on the Palestinian's behalf.

'President Mahmoud Abbas came to power through free, democratic and authentic elections supervised by more than 2,000 international and Arab monitors,' Abu Rudaineh said in response. 'We are the ones who fought for Palestine and Jerusalem ... the Palestinian leadership did not oppress its people as did the Iranian leadership under Ahmadinejad...' (There is a great division between Muslims as to how, when, and where to successfully move on the situation in Israel.)

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Putin hints will return to Kremlin in 2012

Reuters reports: "Russia's paramount leader, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, hinted he would return to the presidency in 2012 for six more years and said democracy protesters marching without permission deserved to be beaten.

Asked by the Kommersant daily newspaper in an interview whether Russia's 2012 presidential election did not worry him because he had already decided it, Putin replied:

'No, it interests me like...I wanted to say like everyone, but in fact more than everyone else. But I don't want to make a fetish out of it.'

Putin ruled as president from 2000 to 2008 before handing the presidency to his chosen successor Dmitry Medvedev, in order to observe a law banning a third consecutive term.

However Putin will be free to run again in 2012 for a newly extended term of six years.

'The most important thing is that these problems of 2012 don't derail us from the path of stable development,' Putin added in

the interview.

Kommersant said it was conducted during a 180km (110 mile) drive in his bright yellow Lada Kalina car between the cities of Khabarovsk and Chita in Russia's Far East.

Putin's remarks in the extended interview with his longtime favorite journalist Andrei Kolesnikov were immediately seized upon by some Moscow commentators as further evidence that he would return to the Kremlin in two years time..." (Will Putin become the "Gog of Magog" who leads Russia in the first invasion of Israel? Time will tell — Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 11, and 16.)

Ex-USSR awash in radioactive 'dirty bomb' substances

SpaceDaily.com reports: "It has been one of Europe's worst nightmares: traffickers obtaining highly-radioactive materials on the loose in the former Soviet Union with the help of corrupt officials and passing them on to rogue groups looking to make a dirty bomb.

The seizure of two kilograms of uranium in Moldova, an impoverished ex-Soviet

nation bordering the EU member Romania, is a stark reminder of just how available and poorly guarded nuclear materials can be, analysts said.

Moldovan police said they had seized a container with 1.8 kilograms of highly-radioactive Uranium-238 and arrested a group of suspected traffickers who had sought to sell it for nine million euros (11 million dollars).

The United States has said it provided

technical assistance to Moldova in the case, which the U.S. State Department described as a 'serious smuggling attempt'.

'Hundreds of thousands of tons of uranium lie in storage at industrial sites, one can take bagfuls of them,' independent Russian military expert Pavel Felgenhauer told *AFP*..." **(The non-proliferation treaty signed by presidents Obama and Medvedev will fail — perhaps when and if Putin returns in 2012.)**

SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON, AND STARS

Sun storm to hit with 'force of 100m bombs'

News.com.au reports: "After 10 years of comparative slumber, the sun is waking up — and it's got astronomers on full alert.

...Several U.S. media outlets reported that NASA was warning the massive flare that caused spectacular light shows on Earth earlier was just a precursor to a massive solar storm building that had the potential to wipe out the entire planet's power grid.

NASA has since rebutted those reports, saying it could come '100 years away or just 100 days', but an Australian astronomer says the space community is betting on the sooner scenario rather than the latter.

Despite its rebuttal, NASA's been watching out for this storm since 2006 and reports from the U.S. claim the storms could hit on that most Hollywood of disaster dates — 2012.

Similar storms back in 1859 and 1921 caused worldwide chaos, wiping out telegraph wires on a massive scale.

The 2012 storm has the potential to be even more disruptive.

'The general consensus among general astronomers (and certainly solar astronomers) is that this coming Solar maximum (2012 but possibly later into 2013) will be the most

violent in 100 years,' astronomy lecturer and columnist Dave Reneke said.

'A bold statement and one taken seriously by those it will affect most, namely airline companies, communications companies and anyone working with modern GPS systems.

'They can even trip circuit breakers and knock out orbiting satellites, as has already been done this year.'

Regardless, the point astronomers are making is it doesn't matter if the next Solar Max isn't the worst in history, or even as bad as the 1859 storms.

It's the fact that there hasn't been one since the mid-80s. Commodore had just launched the Amiga and the only digital storm making the news was Tetris.

No one really knows what effect the 2012-2013 Solar Max will have on today's digital-reliant society.

Dr. Richard Fisher, director of NASA's Heliophysics division, told Mr. Reneke the super storm would hit like 'a bolt of lightning', causing catastrophic consequences for the world's health, emergency services and national security unless precautions are taken..." **(The solar sun storm is predicted by NASA for 2012 — the Mayan calendar date for the greatest calamity ever — Luke 21:25, 26. See also the next report.)**

NASA hopes to send a craft into the Sun's atmosphere

BBC News reports: "NASA is aiming to get closer to the Sun than ever before, with plans to plunge a car-sized unmanned spacecraft into the star's outer atmosphere.

Scientists hope to launch the Solar Probe Plus (SPP) sometime before 2018.

Before it is destroyed by the sizzling temperatures exceeding 1,400C (2,550F), the craft will have to obtain valuable data about our parent star.

The solar probe project is expected to cost in the region of about \$180m (£120m).

To withstand the temperatures and the radiation, the instruments will be protected by a huge carbon-composite heat shield that still needs to be built. Researchers say that the Sun is one of the few places people have not yet sent a spacecraft.

'Trying to understand how the Sun influences the Earth is quite a big thing these days,' Richard Harrison, a solar physicist from the UK's Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, told *BBC News*.

'The one thing we've never done is actually go there. You think of a spacecraft flying past Mars or Venus, but with the Sun, it is a little bit different.

'[But we are capable of sending] spacecraft near the Sun and that's the plan for the next generation of spacecraft.'..."

PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES

WHO calls for monitoring of new superbug

Breitbart.com reports: "The World Health Organization called on health authorities around the globe to monitor a multi-drug resistant superbug that surfaced in South Asia and spread to Britain.

The WHO said research published in *The Lancet* medical journal on August 11 identified a new gene that enables some types of bacteria to be highly resistant to almost all antibiotics.

'While multi-drug resistant bacteria are not new and will continue to appear,

this development requires monitoring and further study to understand the extent and modes of transmission, and to define the most effective measures for control,' it added in a statement.

It underlined that the whole health care chain, including patients, hospitals,

governments, laboratories, pharmaceutical firms and veterinarians, had 'to be alert to the problem of antimicrobial resistance and take appropriate action.'

Multi-drug resistant bacteria generally 'constitute a growing and global public health problem,' the UN health agency noted.

It underlined the value of hospital infection control measures to limit the spread of such resistant strains and prudent use of antibiotics to reduce the generation of resistant bacteria.

Rigorous use of such measures, including extensive hand washing in health care facilities, had proved successful in controlling multi drug-resistant bacteria in many countries, according to the global health watchdog.

Indian doctors warned earlier this year about the threat from a new multi-drug resistant superbug known as NDM-1 — months before the British study — warning that it could spread worldwide with patients.

The Lancet study said plastic surgery patients had carried a new class of superbug from South Asia to Britain..." (Matthew 24:7; Revelation 6:7, 8 — see the next two warnings of the largest plague in history.)

Doctors brace for more cases as Indian superbug hits Canada

The Globe and Mail reports: "At least two Canadians have become infected with a dangerous new superbug from India that is spreading around the world, partly due to medical tourism.

The superbug, which is resistant to almost all antibiotics, has Canadian public-health

experts bracing for outbreaks.

'There will be others. It's just a matter of time,' said Dylan Pillai, a medical microbiologist at the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion. 'It's just the nature of the beast.'

Researchers reported dozens of cases of British, Indian and Pakistani patients who contracted infections caused by bacteria harbouring an enzyme called New Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase, or NDM-1, in the journal *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*.

Of 29 Britons, more than half had recently travelled to India or Pakistan and 14 had been admitted to hospitals in the subcontinent, where the drug-resistant enzyme originated, including for kidney transplants and cosmetic surgery.

Two cases have been confirmed among Canadians who spent time in India. In addition, the drug-resistant infection has been found in patients from the United States, Sweden, the Netherlands and Australia..."

Are you ready for a world without antibiotics?

The Guardian.co.uk reports: "Antibiotics are a bedrock of modern medicine. But in the very near future, we're going to have to learn to live without them once again. And it's going to get nasty.

Just 65 years ago, David Livermore's paternal grandmother died following an operation to remove her appendix. It didn't go well, but it was not the surgery that killed her. She succumbed to a series of infections that the pre-penicillin world had no drugs to treat. Welcome to the future.

The era of antibiotics is coming to a close. In just a couple of generations, what once appeared to be miracle medicines have been beaten into ineffectiveness by the bacteria they were designed to knock out. Once, scientists hailed the end of infectious diseases. Now, the post-antibiotic apocalypse is within sight.

Hyperbole? Unfortunately not. The highly serious journal *Lancet Infectious Diseases* posed the question itself over a paper revealing the rapid spread of multi-drug-resistant bacteria. 'Is this the end of antibiotics?' it asked.

Doctors and scientists have not been complacent, but the paper by Professor Tim Walsh and colleagues takes the anxiety to a new level. Last September, Walsh published details of a gene he had discovered, called NDM 1, which passes easily between types of bacteria called enterobacteriaceae such as *E. coli* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and makes them resistant to almost all of the powerful, last-line group of antibiotics called carbapenems. The paper revealed that NDM 1 is widespread in India and has arrived here as a result of global travel and medical tourism for, among other things, transplants, pregnancy care and cosmetic surgery.

'In many ways, this is it,' Walsh tells me. 'This is potentially the end. There are no antibiotics in the pipeline that have activity against NDM 1-producing enterobacteriaceae. We have a bleak window of maybe 10 years, where we are going to have to use the antibiotics we have very wisely, but also grapple with the reality that we have nothing to treat these infections with...'"

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

God did not create the universe, says Hawking

Reuters reports: "God did not create the universe and the 'Big Bang' was an inevitable consequence of the laws of physics, the eminent British theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking argues in a new book.

In 'The Grand Design,' coauthored with U.S. physicist Leonard Mlodinow, Hawking says a new series of theories made a creator of the universe redundant, according to the *Times* newspaper which published extracts.

'Because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing. Spontaneous creation is the reason there

is something rather than nothing, why the universe exists, why we exist,' Hawking writes.

'It is not necessary to invoke God to light the blue touch paper and set the universe going.'

Hawking, 68, who won global recognition with his 1988 book 'A Brief History of Time,' an account of the origins of the universe, is renowned for his work on black holes, cosmology and quantum gravity.

Since 1974, the scientist has worked on marrying the two cornerstones of modern physics — Albert Einstein's General Theory of Relativity, which concerns gravity and large-scale phenomena, and quantum theory,

which covers subatomic particles.

His latest comments suggest he has broken away from previous views he has expressed on religion. Previously, he wrote that the laws of physics meant it was simply not necessary to believe that God had intervened in the Big Bang.

He wrote in *A Brief History ...* 'If we discover a complete theory, it would be the ultimate triumph of human reason — for then we should know the mind of God.'

In his latest book, he said the 1992 discovery of a planet orbiting another star other than the Sun helped deconstruct the view of the father of physics Isaac Newton

that the universe could not have arisen out of chaos but was created by God.

‘That makes the coincidences of our planetary conditions — the single Sun, the lucky combination of Earth-Sun distance

and solar mass, far less remarkable, and far less compelling evidence that the Earth was carefully designed just to please us human beings,’ he writes...” (This outstanding and handicapped English Physicist I have

often quoted as to space. He believes the only hope in sparing humanity is cities in space. Sad that he now renounces God, which even as an educated genius God calls “fools” in Psalm 14:1; 58:1.)

THE HOLOCAUST

Top Iran cleric rejects Holocaust as ‘superstition’

Breitbart.com reports: “A senior Iranian cleric, Grand Ayatollah Nasser Makarem Shirazi, dismissed the Nazi Holocaust of Jews during World War II as a new ‘superstition’ for the West, media reported.

‘The Holocaust is nothing but superstition, but Zionists say that people of the world should be forced to accept this,’ he was quoted as saying by the state news agency *IRNA*.

‘Americans and Westerners are affected by newly appeared superstitions such as the Holocaust,’ he said according to *IRNA* news agency.

‘The truth about the Holocaust is not clear, and when the researchers want to examine whether it is true or the Jews have created it to pose as victims, they jail the researchers,’ said Makarem Shirazi, who is a ‘marja,’ or among the highest authorities in Shiite Islam.

Iran’s hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has repeatedly branded the Holocaust a ‘myth’ in his frequent anti-Israel diatribes drawing international condemnation, but Iran’s prominent clergy have rarely echoed such comments.

Several opposition figures have also rebuked Ahmadinejad over questioning the Holocaust while backing the Palestinian cause.

The comments came after Ahmadinejad dismissed revived Israeli-Palestinian peace talks as ‘doomed’ to fail and said the people of the Middle East are ‘capable of removing the Zionist regime’ from the world scene...” (Pope Benedict XVI calls this Holocaust denial a great and evil sin. I agree. The documented facts covering 16 miles of filing cabinets containing 50 million pages of proofs in Bad Arolsen, Germany makes all deniers look like mental idiots.)

Response to Ahmadinejad’s Holocaust Denial: Imams’ Tears at Auschwitz

Israel National News reports: “A group of American Muslim leaders made a

first-of-its-kind visit to Nazi concentration camps, prompting tears from at least one of them.

Eight imams made a three-day trip to Dachau and Auschwitz, cosponsored by a German think tank and the New Jersey-based Center for Interreligious Understanding, and strongly supported by the United States government.

The trip, as reported in the *Jewish Forward*, was the brainchild of law professor Marshall Breger, an Orthodox Jew and former senior official in the administrations of Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. Breger said, ‘There is a view that there is growing anti-Semitism in the Muslim world, reinforced by people like President [Mahmoud] Ahmadinejad, that there is growing Holocaust denial in the Muslim world. In light of that, the idea was to offer education to those who might not have the kind of knowledge that we’ve had about World War II and the Jewish community, and to do this in a public way.’

The imams prayed at Dachau, with a concluding prayer by Muzammil Siddiqi, imam of the Islamic Society of Orange County, California: ‘We pray to G-d that this will not happen to the Jewish people or to any people anymore.’

Suhaib Webb, an imam from Santa Clara in the Bay Area, grew up in a white Christian household in Oklahoma and later converted to Islam. Walking around Auschwitz with tears in his eyes, he said, ‘It was far worse than I imagined.’

‘No Muslim in his right mind, female or male, should deny the Holocaust,’ said Mohamed Magid, imam and executive director of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society. ‘When you walk the walk of the people who have been taken to be gassed, to be killed, how can a person deny physical evidence, something that’s beyond doubt?’

Just a few days earlier, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad reiterated his claim that the Jews ‘made up’ the ‘so-called Holocaust.’...” (A very moving story about a Muslim’s tears for 6,000,000 Jews.)

Cuba’s Fidel Castro criticises Iran over anti-Semitism

BBC News reports: “Fidel Castro has criticized Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for what he called his anti-Semitic attitudes.

The former Cuban leader also warned that an escalating conflict between Iran and the West could lead to nuclear war.

Mr. Castro, speaking to a U.S. journalist, also questioned his own actions during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.

Asked if he stood by his recommendation for the Soviets to bomb America, he said ‘it wasn’t worth it at all’.

Mr. Castro was speaking to Jeffrey Goldberg, a journalist with *The Atlantic* magazine based in Washington, D.C., whom he personally invited to Cuba.

Mr. Castro led Cuba for almost 50 years after toppling the government in a revolution. He fell ill in 2006 and handed power to his brother Raul in 2008. Since then, his public appearances have been rare, but in recent months he has made a series of public speeches and televised appearances.

Mr. Castro’s ‘body may be frail, but his mind is acute, his energy level is high’, wrote Goldberg on his blog on *The Atlantic* website.

Over the course of a five-hour discussion, Mr. Castro ‘repeatedly returned to his exco-riation of anti-Semitism’, and criticized Mr. Ahmadinejad for denying the Holocaust.

‘The Jews have lived an existence that is much harder than ours. There is nothing that compares to the Holocaust,’ the former president said.

Mr. Castro said that Iran could further the cause of peace by ‘acknowledging the ‘unique’ history of anti-Semitism and trying to understand why Israelis fear for their existence’, Mr. Goldberg wrote...” (One great thought Castro had, and has, warns it will lead to World War III — Matthew 24:7; Mark 13:8.)